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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Bernardino – Three Attempted to Stop Mass Shooting

(U) A report into last year's shooting rampage by a husband and wife in San Bernardino reveals how three county workers battled to stop the shooters as they sprayed bullets into a conference room full of their colleagues. The report released last week describes the carnage found by rescue workers after Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife Tashfeen Malik opened fire during a 2 December party and training session at the Inland Regional Center for San Bernardino County health workers, killing 14 people and wounding 24 others. The 141-page document by the Police Foundation describes how three male county workers "tried to stop the shooters by rushing one of the gunmen but all three were shot." It did not say if the three men were among the 14 killed in the assault.

SOURCE: 10 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Kentucky – FBI Arrests Woman for Allegedly Promoting ISIL-Inspired Attacks

(U) Maysville – Federal authorities have arrested a Kentucky woman who allegedly advocated online for terrorist attacks in the US and promoted Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) propaganda through her social media accounts. The woman, identified as 55-year-old Marie A. Castelli, allegedly lied to authorities when confronted about her activities. Castelli has been charged with knowingly transmitting threats online, and with lying to the FBI when agents confronted her about her activities.

SOURCE: 9 September 2016, [ABC News](#)

#### (U) Florida – Fire at Orlando Gunman's Mosque Set Intentionally

(U) Fort Pierce – The mosque where Pulse nightclub shooter Omar Mateen occasionally worshiped was intentionally set on fire, authorities in Florida said. The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office said emergency crews responded to the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce shortly after midnight Sunday and extinguished the flames that were spilling out of the mosque. Authorities are investigating the incident as arson.

SOURCE: 12 September 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Australia – Stabbing Attack Suspect 'Inspired by ISIS'

(U) Sydney – Police in Sydney charged a man with committing a terrorist act and attempted murder for allegedly repeatedly stabbing a stranger in an attack that was "inspired by ISIS." The New South Wales Police Force said a 22-year-old man was arrested after he allegedly stabbed a 59-year-old man. "We will be alleging before court that this was an act that was inspired by ISIS," NSW Police Force Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn told reporters yesterday.

SOURCE: 10 September 2016, [NBC News](#)

#### (U) France – Police Arrest Teenager for Planning 'Imminent' Attack

(U) Paris – A 15-year-old boy has been arrested in Paris suspected of preparing imminent "violent

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action," two judicial sources said, the second alleged plot with links to ISIL discovered in France this week. Last Sunday, a car loaded with gas cylinders was found near Notre Dame Cathedral and jerry cans of diesel, leading to the discovery of a plot to attack a Paris railway station under the direction of ISIL. Seven people, including four women, were arrested. The boy had been under house arrest since France declared a state emergency after the 13 November attacks in Paris in which ISIL militants killed 130 people. His arrest on Saturday came as he was planning an attack in a public place in Paris.

SOURCE: 11 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Germany – Germany Warns of Threat from more than 500 ‘Potential Attackers’**

(U) Berlin – Germany's interior minister has warned that the country is home to more than 500 militants who could be capable of carrying out assaults on their own or as members of "hit teams." Thomas de Maiziere said there were currently at least 520 "potential attackers" in the country, which has been on edge since two ISIL-inspired attacks in July. He said another 360 "relevant" people were known to police because of their close proximity to the potential attackers. Many Germans fear that fighters belonging to ISIL could have slipped into Germany with the roughly one million of refugees from Syria, North Africa and Asia who arrived last year.

SOURCE: 10 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Israel – Two Israeli Men Arrested for Running Massive Cyber Hacking Tool**

(U) Jerusalem – A pair of Israeli teens have been arrested for allegedly operating a notorious hacking tool designed to flood victims' websites with malicious traffic, overwhelming and crashing them. The two 18-year-olds from Israel are suspected of running vDOS — a "booter" service that lets people pay to use it to attack other websites and services in a DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) attacks. Booters let people even without any technical skills engage in DDoS attacks, which can be used in anything from politically motivated hacktivist attacks to malicious attempts to take down online gaming platforms, and can even be utilized as a threat in blackmail attempts.

SOURCE: 12 September 2016, [Business Insider](#)

**(U) South Korea – North Korea Ready for Another Nuclear Test**

(U) Seoul – North Korea is ready to conduct an additional nuclear test at any time, South Korea's Defense Ministry said today, three days after the reclusive North's fifth test drew widespread condemnation. Pyongyang set off its most powerful nuclear blast to date on Friday, saying it had mastered the ability to mount a warhead on a ballistic missile and ratcheting up a threat that its rivals and the United Nations have been powerless to contain. "Assessment by South Korean and U.S. intelligence is that the North is always ready for an additional nuclear test in the Punggye-ri area," the site of the North's five nuclear explosions, South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Moon Sang-gyun said.

SOURCE: 12 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

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